

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below.

Claims 1-24. (Cancelled).

Claim 25. (Previously presented) A composition comprising hydroxycitric acid, and
(a) approximately 14 to 26% by weight of calcium, and
(b) approximately 24 to 40% by weight of potassium or approximately 14 to 24% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof,
each calculated as a percentage of the total hydroxycitric acid content of said composition.

Claim 26. (Currently amended) The composition as recited in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 25, wherein the composition comprises:
(a) at least approximately 40% by weight of hydroxycitric acid, and
(b) approximately 5 to 13% by weight of calcium, and
(c) approximately 9 to 20% by weight of potassium or approximately 5 to 12% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof,
each calculated as a percentage of the total weight of said composition.

Claim 27. (Currently amended) The composition in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 25, wherein the composition comprises:
(a) approximately 55 to 65% by weight of hydroxycitric acid, and
(b) approximately 9 to 13% by weight of calcium, and
(c) approximately 14 to 18% by weight of potassium,
each calculated as a percentage of the total weight of said composition.

Claim 28. (Currently amended) A composition comprising:
(a) hydroxycitric acid, and
(b) calcium, and
(c) potassium or sodium, or a mixture thereof,
~~wherein the composition is bound together to form a single molecule.~~

Claim 29. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the lactone form of hydroxycitric acid comprises less than approximately 4% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

Claim 30. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the sodium comprises less than approximately 2% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

Claim 31. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition is for reducing body weight.

Claim 32. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition is administered to a mammal in the range of approximately 1 to 50 milligrams per kilogram of body weight of said mammal per dose.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition is administered to a human in the range of approximately 15 to 3000 milligrams of hydroxycitric acid per dose.

Claim 34. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition is administered in multiple doses up to three times per day.

Claim 35. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition has negligible odor, taste and color.

Claim 36. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition is highly soluble in water and clear in solution.

Claim 37. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition has minimal hygroscopicity.

Claim 38. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, where in the composition is administered in pill, powder, liquid, food, beverage or pharmaceutical form.

Claim 39. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, where in the composition is administered as a dietary supplement, food, beverage or drug.

Claim 40. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, where in the composition is administered in foods or beverages at a concentration of approximately 0.001 to 25% by weight of the total weight of said food or beverage.

Claim 41. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, where in the composition is administered in foods or beverages at a concentration of approximately 0.05 to 5% by weight of the total weight of said food or beverage.

Claim 42. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition comprises:

- (a) approximately 40% by weight of hydroxycitric acid, and
 - (b) approximately 5 to 13% by weight of calcium, and
 - (c) approximately 9 to 20% by weight of potassium or approximately 5 to 12% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof,
- each calculated as a percentage of the total weight of said composition.

Claim 43. (Previously presented) The composition in claim 28, wherein the composition comprises:

- (a) approximately 55 to 65% by weight of hydroxycitric acid, and
 - (b) approximately 9 to 13% by weight of calcium, and
 - (c) approximately 14 to 18% by weight of potassium,
- each calculated as a percentage of the total weight of said composition.

Claim 44. (Cancelled).